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 OUTWARD BOUND.—Carmarthenshire,
 14; Patroclus, 18; Benlarig, Dec.
 Glenroy, 21; Ava, Jason, 24;
 Bombay, Red Sea, 28; Braum,
 Dardanus, William Burkill,
 Idie, January 1; Iphigenia, 4.
 HOMEWARD BOUND.—Belterophon,
 Aberdeen, Dec. 21; Cyclops,
 Euphrates, 28; Laertes, Jan. 1;
 dyr, Palinurus, 4.

The P. M. Co.'s steamer *Umay* left Singapore for the American Mainland, via Yokohama, on Thursday 13th inst., and may be expected on or about Wednesday, the 9th.

The D. D. R. steamer *Hyperia* left Singapore for this port, and is expected here on or about this inst.

The S. S. Co.'s *Proreptic* left Singapore on 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 12th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamship *Glaucon* left Liverpool, left Singapore on 11th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 15th inst.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Koon* left Bombay for this port on December 4th p.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer

left Vancouver for Yokohama
Hongkong on the 25th Dec.

Mr E. Nakagawa, the new Japanese
consul at this port, arrived to-day by
admission.

THERE will be a game of Polo at
Bay at 4 p.m. to-morrow, Wednesday
9th inst.

The British surveying ship
arrived to-day from Manila. We
she is to be broken up.

Mr Pollock heard further evidence

men of keeping a public gambling No. 18 Kau U Fong. Dr Ho appeared for the defence, objected to the regularity of the warrant under which the men were arrested. He argued that the warrant was made out to 'George' and all other Police Constables. 'George' it could only be legally

while George Phelps was present he was not present when the two were arrested, they were illegally. The Magistrate overruled the. The first and third defendants appear, and their bail of \$200 estreated. Evidence was then h which the second defendant charged.

SARCON is rapidly earning for it unenviable notoriety in maritime the Far East. The vexation

tariff, devised apparently with a view of giving as much trouble as possible to merchants and shutting out Siam from foreign markets, we have often heard about, and not long ago a congre-
gation of the annoyance and is suf-
fered by merchants who have to do with Saigon. The disastrous effect of policy on the settlement itself is to be pretty sharply felt by them-
selves, and there seems to be some improvement wrought in the near future.
is another sign of oppression that is almost equally deleterious to trade. A year ago we reported cases in which the French and German vessels were seized by the authorities, and enormous fines

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on board. This process of ex-
blossoms. Whenever a foreign
the port she is boarded by a c
tiopary, who makes it his first
the Captain to sign a document
that there is no opium on board
search begins and is three ti

found concealed, the vessel is not allowed to go away, unless for a large sum is given, or fine imposed. As an informant part of the fine there is a great sum for a Chinaman to stay aboard and then inform of its existence. Owing to this procedure the French Republic there is so much uncertainty attendant on going to Saigon and owners of steamers pay as much as possible, and there when they get statement. We heard of a where one of the fleet known line could have obtained freight for Saigon with perhaps a part of the ship with cargo but the offer was refused declining to take the risk of French port. We have also heard of payments about pretty large sums being given to officers to get in as there was no other means of ship to work, but we doubt this is not the general practice; however, is sure, that what functionaries want to get in

smuggled opium as a good against a ship and a large Captains and owners; and that they are taking to get the encourage members of the O play into their hands and so to unsaid that honest traders vessels: there, except for a Perhaps the French will see up in this instance also to the they are doing to their ones now deceiving Colony.

